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1. "...Labor engaged in the mining industry of the country pre-World War II was mainly Chinese and Indian. With the closing down of mining in 1941-42 due to the Japanese occupation, labor migrated from the mining areas. Post-World War II, due to the Burmanising policy adopted by the government, many mining areas have found difficulty in recruiting the indigenous agricultural workers to mining, even though the remuneration offered is much higher.
2. "The exports of minerals from Tavoy for the first three months of 1953 were: wolfram ore 611.7 long tons. To New York: 446.5 tons, to UK: 98 tons, to Europe continent: 25.2 tons and to Japan: 42 tons. Mixed tin and wolfram ore: 164.7 long tons. To New York: 80 tons, to UK: 83.2 tons and to Europe continent: 1.5 tons. Tin concentrates: 122.4 long tons. To FMS [Federated Malay States]: 82.25 tons and to UK: 40.15 tons.
3. "The total production of minerals from the mines in the Tavoy district for the year 1952 in long tons was wolfram ore 366.73 tons, tin 176 tons, and mixed tin and wolfram concentrates 1648.7 tons. Total 2191.4 tons. Due to insurgent activities only four of the five foreign companies were permitted by them to work during the year under indigenous management. These companies produced 440 long tons of tin and wolfram concentrates in 1952 compared with 3938 tons in 1940.
4. "Mergui exports of minerals for the first quarter 1953 was tin: 214 long tons, all to FMS and wolfram 13.45 long tons to the UK. Thabawleik Tin Dredging Ltd exported 173 long tons of tin and local mines the balance of 41 tons.
5. "Thabawleik Tin Dredging Ltd produced during the first quarter 1953 - 164.47 long tons tin.
6. "Thabawleik Tin Dredging Ltd during 1952 produced 968.704 long tons tin concentrates and shipped 978.112 tons to the FMS."

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